

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 2, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 9/16/03)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** New Quarter Park Entrance Road

As part of the master planning process underway for New Quarter Park, the County's consultant has investigated options for providing additional parking. The option that both the consultant and staff believe is best would involve adding angled parking on both sides of the entrance road adjacent to the existing parking lot (see attached sketch plans). However, the entrance road is in the State Secondary Road System (Route 1314) and VDOT regulations will not allow angled or perpendicular parking along Secondary Roads. Staff and the consultant have discussed this proposal with VDOT and it has been determined that the proposed parking plan could be implemented if this segment of the entrance road right-of-way (and the circular turnaround) were to be "abandoned."

"Abandonment" is a procedure available under the Code of Virginia and VDOT regulations that involves the Board of Supervisors making a determination that a public necessity no longer exists for the subject segment. In this case, the effect of the "abandonment" is not to eliminate the road as a public road or to render it unavailable for public use. Instead, it will enable the County to implement efficient and cost-effective parking improvements to serve park patrons. While the County will assume maintenance responsibility for the subject segment (approximately 1,000 feet) of the entrance road, the additional cost will be negligible but the benefits will be significant in terms of the additional design flexibility. As shown on the sketch, the existing drive will be able to serve as the access aisle for a new parking lot, thus saving considerably in the cost of providing the additional parking spaces.

In accordance with the consensus and direction provided by the Board in July, this proposed abandonment was advertised and notice given in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.1-151 of the Code of Virginia. No requests for public hearing were received within the 30-day comment period that ended August 30<sup>th</sup>. Having met all the procedural prerequisites, this matter is now ready for formal consideration and action by the Board of Supervisors. Accordingly, proposed Resolution No. R03-155 is attached and I recommend its adoption.

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### Attachments

- Sketch Plans
- Proposed Resolution No. R03-155